

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of
NAGASHIMA, et al.

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Title: INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL



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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks and attached technical reference.

Claims 1-11 and 13-33 are pending in this application.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-11, 13-16 and 20-23 under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Anderson et al. taken with Ishii et al. None of the cited references make the presently claimed invention to be obvious.

Anderson teaches an ink receptor media including a substrate, an ink receptor on the substrate having surfactant templated mesoporous particles, and an organic binder (see column 1, lines 48-50). Significantly, the structure disclosed in Anderson concerns an ink receptor comprising an ink receptive layer containing specific particles. Anderson discloses that a substrate of the receptor media is glass, wood, metal, a polymeric film or a porous material such as a membrane and non-woven material as described at column 10, lines 32-36, and that an ink receiving medium